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SUBJECT: 28TH GA: UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM, ITEM 50,
SECOND COMMITTEE

1. SECOND SESSION COMMITTEE II RE ITEM 50 TAKEN UP
WITH STATEMENTS BY GDR, JAMAICA, PHILIPPINES, ROMANIA,
U.S. , FRANCE, BRAZIL AND YUGOSLAVIA, WITH YUGOSLAVIA
INTRODUCING SECOND RESOLUTION RE ITEM 50 (L.1305/REV.1:
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT CONCERNING
NATURAL RESOURCES SHARED BY TWO OR MORE STATES).
2. PRIORITIES. ALL DELEGATES REITERATED SUPPORT OF
UNEP AND LAUDED WORK OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WITH SOME
DELEGATES EMPHASIZING ONE OR MORE PRIORITY PROBLEMS.
JAMAICA AND THE PHILLIPPINES, FOR EXAMPLE, EMAPHASIZED
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. ROMANIA EMPHASIZED NEED TO PRO-
MOTE ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, TRAIN NATIONAL NATIONAL STAFFS,
CREATE ECOLOGICAL ZONES. US(MARK EVANS) NOTED PLEASURE
IN EMPHASIS GIVEN EARTHWATCH BY FIRIRST GC AND DECISION
TO CONVENE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING IN 1974 TO BEGIN
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WORK IN INDENTIFYING POLLUTANTS. THE GDR PRESENTED

CURIOUS ARGUMENT THAT MILITARY FORCES AND DESTRUCTION
WROUGHT BY SUCH FORCES IS ENVIRONMENT PROBLEM OF THE
HIGHEST PRIORITY.

3. HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CONFEX. JAMAICA, PHILIPPINES,
US OPENLY SUPPORTED CONFEX. WHILE NOT VOICING OBJECTIONS
TO GENERAL TRUST RES 1312 ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, BOTH
GDR AND FRANCE INDICATED RESERVATIONS. GDR IMPLIED
THAT COSTS OF CONFEX TOO HIGH AND STRESSED THAT
MAXIMUM USE OF EXISTING UN ORGANS SHOULD BE EMPLOYED
(WE READ THIS THAT PREPCOM FOR CONFEX SHOULD BE CENTER
FOR HOUSING, BUILDING, PLANNING). GDR ALSO NOTED THAT
IT SAW NO NEED FOR CREATION SPECIAL FUND FOR HUMAN
SETTLEMENTS (NOW UNDER REVIEW IN RESPONSE TO GA RES 2999).
FRANCE ARGUED THAT WITH REGARD HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, ROLE
OF UN IS NOT TO IMPOSE SOLUTIONS ON STATES OR TO "TAKE
OVER" HOUSING, BUT RATHER TO STIR UP THE POLITICAL
WILL OF GOVERNMENTS. FRANCE ALSO QUESTIONED NEED FOR
A 58 MEMBER PREPCOM. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE THOUGHTS
FRANCE ORALLY PRESENTED AMENDMENTS TO RES 1312 IN
ALMOST ALL PREAMBULAR AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS, INCLUD-
ING AMENDMENT TO HAVE CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND
PLANNING ACT AS PREPCOM. FRANCE PROPOSED ITS DELEGA-
TION SIT DOWN WITH CO-SPONSORS OF RES AND WORK OUT
A SOLUTION. PHILIPPINES, AFTER LAUDING WORK OF
SENATOR BENSITES IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIEDL, SUGGESTED
THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFEX SHOULD BE A
NATIONAL OF AN LDC.

4. ARGENTINE RESOLUTION (L/1305). YUGOSLAVIA INTOR-
DUCED RES 1305. BRAZIL ARGUED AT LENGTH THAT RES 1305
CONTRADICTED THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY PROVIDED IN THE
STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE, IN RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND IN THE ECONOMIC DECLARATION OF
ALGIERS. ARGUMENT CENTERED ON ALLEGATION THAT RES 1305
CONTRADICTS LEGISLATIVE HISTORY REGARDING PERMANENT
SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES.

5. COPIES OF US AND BRAZILIAN STATEMENTS BEING POUCHED.
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